

June 16, 2021

## **Job Announcement**

### **MSW – Social Worker Mobilization for Justice**

Mobilization for Justice (MFJ), a non-profit legal services organization that provides a wide range of free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers, is seeking an MSW to provide holistic services to individuals and families struggling with mental health disabilities. The Social Worker will provide supportive counseling, benefits assistance, and home visits in efforts to address the immediate needs of our clients, while simultaneously striving to address the root causes of inequity. The Social Worker will work at MFJ's Bronx office, and will collaborate closely with the attorneys, paralegals, and other advocates of the Bronx arm of MFJ.

MFJ's mission is to achieve social justice, prioritizing the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities. We do this by providing the highest quality direct civil legal assistance, conducting community education, and building partnerships, engaging in policy advocacy, and bringing impact litigation. MFJ is a 130+ person staff comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and support staff. It is a diverse, unionized, and collegial workplace where staff share the organization's mission to achieve social justice, and where we work hand-in-hand with our clients to ensure that our practice reflects the needs and desires of the communities we serve.

#### **Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:**

- Providing case management support to individuals and families who are receiving legal services from MFJ attorneys and paralegals;
- Providing crisis intervention, assessments and referrals to individuals with a wide range of mental health, substance use, physical disabilities, and psychosocial concerns.
- Advocating on behalf of our clients to access public benefits, social services, and medical care, in addition to other systems impacting our clients;
- Providing supervision and support to two graduate-level social work students;
- Conducting home visits to clients to assess housing conditions, assess client needs, and provide case management assistance throughout the Bronx.

#### **Requirements:**

- A demonstrated passion for social justice and a commitment to working with low-income communities and communities of color to advance equity;
- Master of Social Work degree, New York State license, and three years of experience as a social worker;
- SIFI certified or SIFI eligible;
- Experience providing case management to vulnerable populations;
- Familiarity with New York City (NYC) institutions and social service systems;
- Experience providing client advocacy related to housing and benefits;

- Knowledge of and comfort working with people who experience mental health, substance use, illness-related and trauma-related conditions;
- Experience providing psychosocial assessments, short term counseling and crisis intervention;
- Outstanding organizational, interpersonal, writing and time management skills;
- Ability to balance an active caseload and travel between MFJ's offices, outreach sites, agency offices and courts;
- Fluency in Spanish is required.

**Salary** is pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to Rick Kahn, Bronx Office Managing Attorney, and transmit by e-mail to [rkahn@mfjlegal.org](mailto:rkahn@mfjlegal.org) by June 30, 2021. Please indicate where you found this ad and include BRONX MSW in the Subject Line. We encourage all applicants to include in their cover letter a statement about how your background or experience might contribute to the diversity and perspective of our office. Early applications are appreciated. Interviews and hiring will be conducted on a rolling basis. No telephone inquiries please.

For further information about MFJ, please go to [www.mobilizationforjustice.org](http://www.mobilizationforjustice.org).

**MOBILIZATION FOR JUSTICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**  
People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.